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1. FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, WHICH HAS TAKEN OVER COORDINATING FUNCTION FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING:

A. AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE 6:30 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, IS CONFIRMED. WE NOTE REFTEL SAYS "AMERICAN SECTION WILL BE MAXIMUM 20 INCLUDING STAFF." AMBASSADOR HOPES WIVES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP WILL ALSO COME. WE ARE PLANNING BRIEFING SESSION IN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE, FOLLOWED BY DRINKS AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS SUFFICIENT SO THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO RETIRE EARLY NEED NOT HAVE DINNER AT HOTEL.

B. MR. MAY'S RECEPTION AT THE PANORAMA ROOM (TOP FLOOR) OF SOFIA GRAND HOTEL AT 7:30 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 IS ON TRACK. WE ARE SENDING OUT INVITATIONS SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR "ON BEHALF OF MR. WILLIAM F. MAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. SECTION OF THE BULGARIA-U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL", TO ALL MEMBERS OF BULGARIAN SECTION, PLUS LUKANOV, POPOV AND OTHERS STILL TO BE SUGGESTED BY MIN FOREIGN TRADE.

C. BULGARIANS HAVE ASKED US TO UNDERLINE THE WARN-
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ING THEY HAVE SENT INDEPENDENTLY, THAT ANY MEMBERS OF

GROUP WHO WISH TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN PLOVDIV SEPTEMBER 5 CANNOT RPT NOT BE GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATIONS. ALL THAT SUCH MEMBERS CAN BE ASSURED IS THAT "BALKAN-TOURIST WILL MAKE ATTEMPT TO FIND ACCOMMODATIONS IN ONE OF THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES." WE INTERPRET THIS AS A POLITE FORM OF SAYING NO ACCOMMODATIONS WHATSOEVER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN PLOVDIV.

D. WE WOULD ALSO ENDORSE THE BULGARIAN RECOMMENDATION THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE MEMBERS GOING TO OPENING OF FAIR NOT ATTEMPT TO REACH AN AFTERNOON PLANE FROM SOFIA THE SAME DAY. CARS COULD BE RENTED FOR THEIR SEPARATE RETURN TRIP, BUT TRAFFIC BETWEEN SOFIA AND PLOVDIV IS SOMETIMES MURDEROUS, AND THE ONLY SAFE WAY TO PLAN IS TO ALLOW THREE HOURS FOR THE RETURN TRIP. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE, SAY, A 4 O'CLOCK PLANE WOULD HAVE TO DEPART PLOVDIV AROUND NOON, WHICH WOULD NOT LEAVE HIM OR HER MUCH TIME TO SEE THE FAIR.

E. WE HAVE, ON THE OTHER HAND, MADE ARRANGEMENTS (WE THINK) WHICH SHOULD SAVE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP TIME IN PLOVDIV. NORMALLY THE PAVILIONS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ONLY AFTER PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV HAS WALKED THROUGH ALL OF THEM DURING THE MORNING OF OPENING DAY. IN CASE OF THE US SECTION OF THE COUNCILWU MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF THE ZHIVKOV PARTY -- AND STILL TO BE AT THE AMERICAN PAVILION IN TIME TO BE AMONG THOSE WELCOMING HIM.

F. SINCE SEPT 3 PROMISES TO BE A SOMEWHAT STRENUOUS DAY, WE HAVE ALSO MADE PROVISION FOR DRINKS AND SNACKS AT THE AMERICAN PAVILION IN THE AFTERNOON, BEFORE THE GROUP RETURNS TO SOFIA BY BUS. DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE KHRISTOV MAY ASK MR. MAY TO RIDE WITH HIM FROM SOFIA TO PLOVDIV; IF SO, MR. MAY IS REQUESTED TO ACCOMPANY THE AMBASSADOR ON THE RETURN TRIP.

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